

# COLD DAYS... WARM HEARTS...

Dover, Delaware-January 2019 – Help us give a child that is homeless or in foster care a warm hug! Cold weather is still in the forecast and everyone deserves to stay warm. Who doesn't like getting a hug or knowing that someone cares?

The GACEC and its community Partners are doing just that for the children of Delaware who are homeless or in foster care. This year we have been privileged to partner with many organizations and individuals who have given generously. For the fifth year Operation Warm has donated cases of coats totaling around 800 to the cause. I Heart Media had also been an invaluable partner, helping raise awareness of the need and bringing in many more drop off locations throughout the state. We are grateful to once again have received generous donations of hundreds of handmade blankets from Kozy Kovers for Kids and Fleece for Keeps.

Wendy Strauss, Executive Director of the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens, shared "It's hard for children to learn when their basic needs aren't even met. We want to ensure that they have the opportunity to stay warm and feel loved regardless of their situation. It is always so heartwarming knowing that Delaware residents always come through and give so generously to those in need. We truly are connecting hearts and collecting hugs for those in need."

Donations of socks, sweatshirts and sweatpants, warm pajamas and toiletry items are still greatly needed. These items are in short supply for this year's drive. If you can help please consider donating today.

Drop-off points are located throughout the state and may be found on the homepage of the GACEC at <http://gacec.delaware.gov>. Contact the GACEC at (302) 739-4553 or Sybil Brown, GACEC Administrative Coordinator [Sybil.brown@gacec.k12.de.us](mailto:Sybil.brown@gacec.k12.de.us) for additional information.



GACEC Executive Director Wendy Strauss showcases a few of the items received this year.